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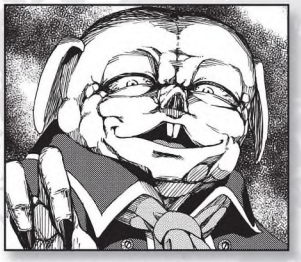

### Squealer

A savvy Morph Rat. Prolocutor turned Representative of the Robber Flies. Revolts against humans and plans to eradicate them.

## The story thus far...

Saki's group lands in Tokyo. But Inui, assigned to the night watch, is killed and suspicion concerning Kiromaru intensifies. Saki, who detects the Fiend's presence amongst their pursuers, decides to venture into the underground, inhabited by dangerous creatures. Suddenly, the Morph Rats' grand fleet appears. Saki's group splits in two, the underground group, who continue to search for the Psycho Buster, and the surface group, who attempt to halt the landing. The surface group is thwarted by the fleet's human shields. Haruka saves the group from this crisis by becoming a Karma Demon. While Haruka sacrifices her life to save Sho, Saki retrieves the Psycho Buster. To forge the future, Saki's group must now face Squealer for the final battle!

### Sho Niimi

A first year in the Holistic Class. Gave his all to save his beloved Haruka only to witness her final moments.

### Haruka Sakai

Sho's childhood friend. Despite her transformation into a Karma Demon, she saved Sho and her friends from the Morph Rats before dying in battle.

### Fiend

A magick user called "Messiah" by the Morph Rats. Revealed to be Maria and Mamoru's child.

### Kiromaru

Former commander-in-chief of the Giant Hornet colony whose forces were wiped out by the Robber Flies.

# Characters from The New World

## Profiles

### Satoru Asahina

A childhood friend of Saki, he was in her grade at Harmony Academy and the Holistic Class. Having done well in school, he now experiments with selective breeding and genetics at the Saddharma Farm.

### Saki Watanabe

In addition to an unusually stout mind, she can repair her own DNA. At age 26, others see her as a future leader. She works at the town's health center's non-humans section and observes Morph Rats in the field.

### Mamoru Ito

Artistically talented and quiet. Escaped with his beloved Maria in order to protect her.

### Maria Akizuki

Best friends with Saki. Pretty with a strong will. Targeted for disposal, she skipped town.

### Shun Aonuma

A prodigy with whom Saki was mutually enamored. As a Karma Demon he left this world.

### Reiko Amano

Disposed of via Cats of Impurity because she was unable to control her magick.

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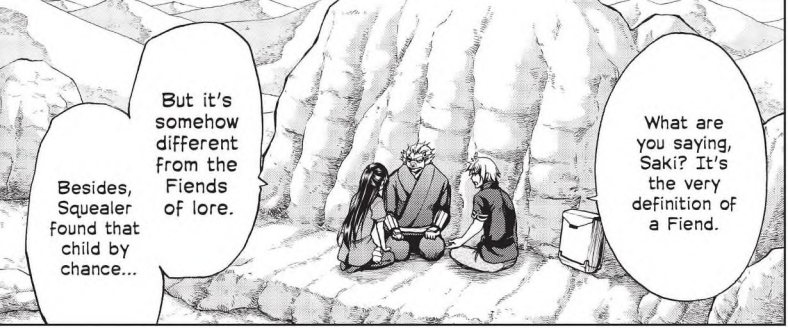
What are you saying, Saki? It's the very definition of a Fiend.
But it's somehow different from the Fiends of lore.
Besides, Squealer found that child by chance...

Doesn't the same child just happening to turn into a Fiend seem unnatural?
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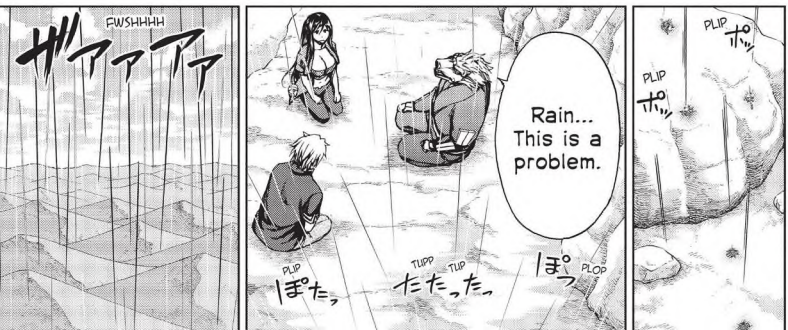
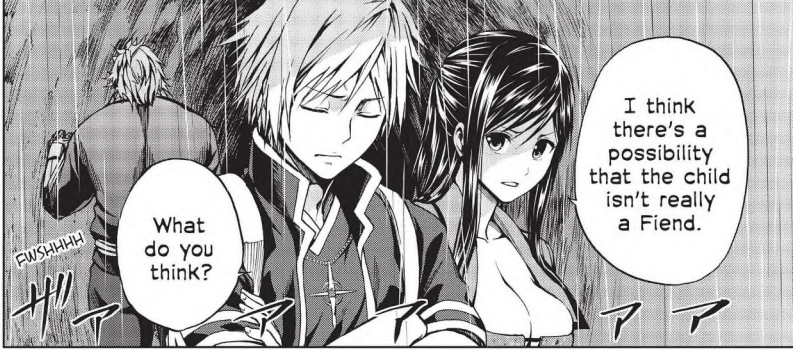
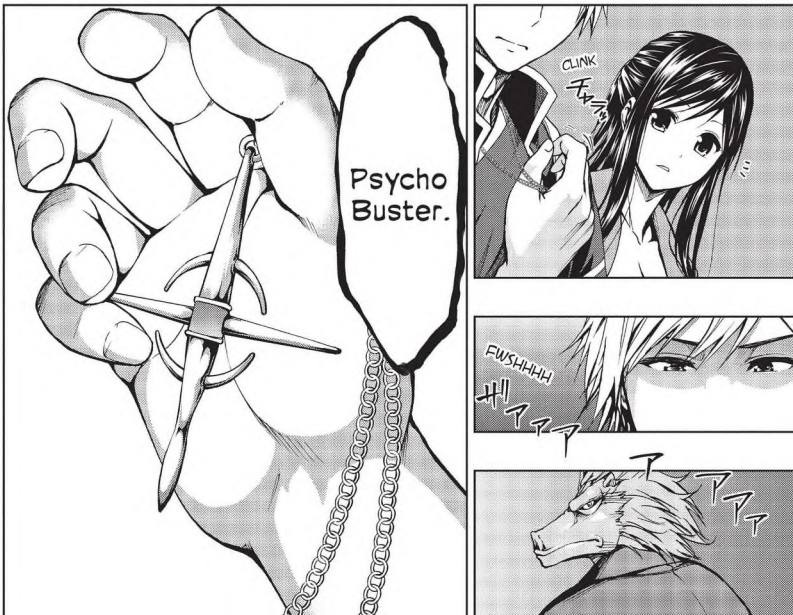
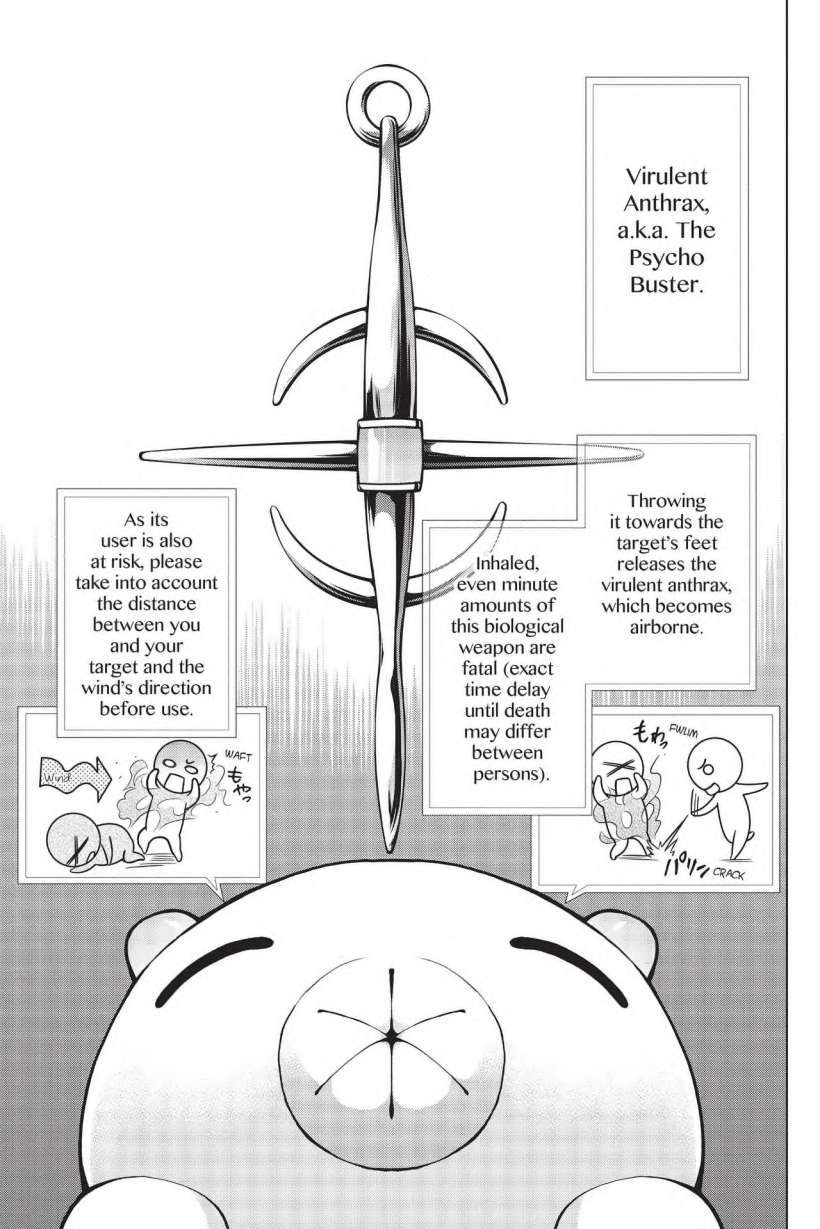
STRATEGEM


FWSHHHH
ザアアアア
Rain... This is a problem.
PLIP ぽたっ
TUPP TUP たたったっ
PLOP ぽっ
PLIP ポッ
PLIP ポッ

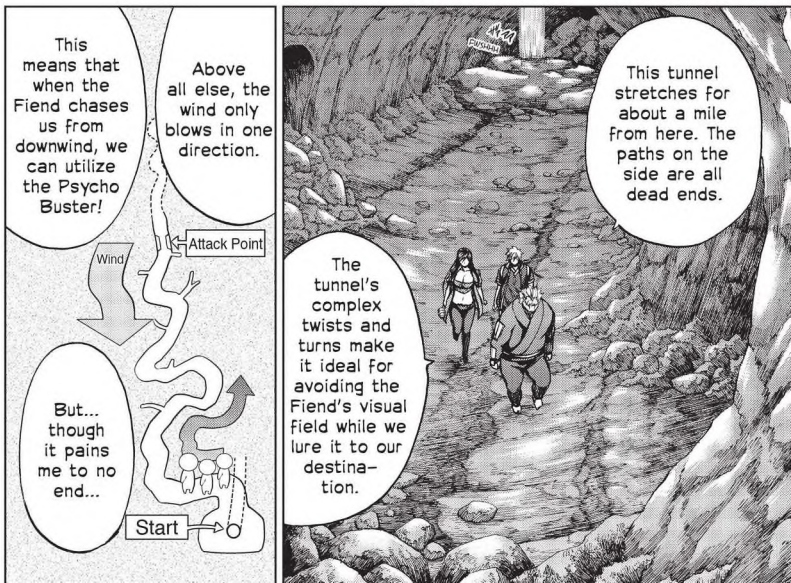

I think there's a possibility that the child isn't really a Fiend.
What do you think?
FWSHHHH

Please, just stop.
Huh?
Regardless of what it is, we're going to kill it. With this ...
FWSHHHH


Psycho Buster.
CLINK
FWSHHHH


Virulent Anthrax, a.k.a. The Psycho Buster.
Throwing it towards the target's feet releases the virulent anthrax, which becomes airborne.
Inhaled, even minute amounts of this biological weapon are fatal (exact time delay until death may differ between persons).
As its user is also at risk, please take into account the distance between you and your target and the wind's direction before use.
もわっ
FWUM
パリン
CRACK
Wind
WAFT
もわっ

We will enact our plan here.
FWSHHHH


This means that when the Fiend chases us from downwind, we can utilize the Psycho Buster!
Above all else, the wind only blows in one direction.
Attack Point
Wind
But... though it pains me to no end...
Start
This tunnel stretches for about a mile from here. The paths on the side are all dead ends.
The tunnel's complex twists and turns make it ideal for avoiding the Fiend's visual field while we lure it to our destination.

I wish to ask you gods to take on the role of baiting the Fiend.
?!
Normally, this would be my job. But as the rain has made it impossible to make use of my scent, we require a more attractive prize than I to make the Fiend give chase.
DASH
FUME
SCAMPER
Taunt the Fiend by giving it a moment's sight of you and make it hunt you with abandon!!
What?! That's too dangerous! We'll be slaughtered if we're even a second late in hiding ourselves!
True...and yet if we do not do this, our probability of success plummets.
Is it our only choice, Kiromaru ?
Yes.
Fine, let's do it.
This chance is one in a million. The Fiend is traveling with just a few lackeys,
and on top of that, they are intent on hunting us! Keheh...

the less likely it is to realize that it has become the prey.

The more focused a hunter is

We cannot lose!
An hour from now, this conflict will be concluded

We'll be using the Psycho Buster here.
Come in this way.

There's no danger of the anthrax finding its way to us in this position.
When the Flana turns that corner, I'll throw the Psycho Buster from behind this wall.

We should go recheck the path.
If we trip and fall, it's over.

A story about the time he visited Squeaker's colony
To be precise, he told me why he's sided with us humans in order to save his Queen.
So...what happened between you and Kiramaru? Something's changed.
We had quite some time to talk.

When the Rabber Fly colony, ravaged by overseas Mongo Rats, started to grow exponentially through assimilation and to gain influence...
Hiromaru Ijuin expected them to propose some sort of alliance with the Giant Hornets, the most powerful colony at the time.

That is the Forum, the center of our political life. That building on the far side is a factory.
The majority of life has moved from below to above ground.

...and so we, the Rabber Flies...
How have the Rabber Flies grown so much without a single war?
However, there is but one Queen per colony... to assimilate is to allow one's Queen to be killed.
The extent of this expansion... They must have acquired a false utterance and used its technological knowledge to coerce small colonies into assimilating.

request that the Giant Hornets join our ranks
As I thought
So, is this tour of your facilities a threat that declining your request will mean war?
No, no. You misunderstand.
The only ones we wish to war with
are the humans who call themselves gods.
If the largest square in the Kanto region and its famed master general join us, no plans will consolidate. I have heard the rumors, you know?
That you have, yourself, been fanatically looking for ways to resist the humans.
...

Sure you don't mean to leave without paying your respects to our Queens?
Wait a second.
Gaining knowledge has made him arrogant, the fool.
Of what do you speak? I have no intention of betraying the gods! If you called me here to chatter on about nonsense, I am leaving.

even if the Queens themselves must fight to the death, there can only be one.
The Queen is the mother of all those in her colony, an absolute presence... and thus,
Queens, plural? It's not possible.

!
They live here.
This is your instinct, inherited from our ancestors, and yet...

This is the Queens ...?!
Numerous colonies who agree with our ideas have joined our ranks. Have you never harbored the thought?
The Queens' new positions in our society are the pinnacle of our innovation, altered in its political nature.
Like a barn!
What ?
That a Queen's temper is fickle, that she cares too little for the lives of individual troops!
That a Queen is not fit to be our leader?

We have taken these things back into our own hands!
This is why I proposed a parliamentary democracy!
Politics!
Life!
Blasphemy! How dare you spew such vile words in front of the Queens!
!

If anything, their jobs are more crucial in efficiently supporting the expansion of the colony.
Of course, the job of child-bearing remains theirs as always.
Bastard... Wh-What have you inflicted upon the Queens?!

they have succeeded in attaining far calmer natures.
A form of brain surgery.
Thanks to our opening the skull and making alterations to a certain part of the brain.

You would understand if you learned about human history from the false whitewash...
My way is for the good of our brethren!
Old... so old in everything! You old soldier who dared not stand up even when your comrades were being slaughtered!
We are not the humans! You scum have destroyed our species' dignity!
We Giant Hornets do not recognize you as our brethren!
This is our species' new world !!

Such a horrid thing befell the Queens?
I have a... Messiah !
I will make you regret not joining my cause.

It isn't that noble an act.
He harmed the Queens, the mothers of every Rat in the colony. Squealer has no claim to justice.

But...doesn't that mean that Squealer reformed the colony so he wouldn't have to watch his brethren die?

AWOOOO
!!
This cry!

Let's look over the path once more. There's no room for error.
Yeah ...

...

This is it! Harry, to the starting position!
Kiro-maru's signal!
I still don't believe that the child is a Fiend
Sa-toru...
Just a few minutes! And then it'll all be...
I've thought of a plan. If it goes well, we might be able...
!!
No, please listen! That child might simply not be aware of its own identity!
Huh?!
Wh-Why go on about that this late in the game?

May luck be with you!

FSHHHHHHH

but we round corners at the last moment to avoid being in its gaze long enough for it to attack... The First turn will be the riskiest.
I know.
Saki, take the lead. The Fiend must be able to track us.
gack
Tip

パチッ

It's coming!
It's coming... coming!

パチッ

We're not gonna
make i...

HAAH!
HAAH!
DASH
All right! It's only a child!
As long as we survive the start...
it can't catch up to us!

HAH
HAH
HAH

It's working! We keep going, just like this.
Right... just like this...
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH

Slow down, Saki! The Fiend is chasing us at its own pace. We can't widen the gap by too much!
Hm ?!

What the hell ?!
Haaah – Aaaah –
Don't stop!
?!
Saki! The Fiend is coming !!
Haaah
Haa –

I don't... hear any footsteps.

AHH
CRUNCH

But then —
What does that mean? Is it muting its footsteps?

We've been the prey all along!
It's a trap!
We have no choice but to keep going! Right?!
No way! Even if that's true.
ドォォォ
!!

Wh-
What?!
Shit!!
Watch out!
Back ?!
No, this isn't it! I don't smell any gunpowder! We need to head back!
This is the trap?! Too close!
The Fiend must've heard it and be rushing our way as we—
That's the trap! The Fiend isn't on our tail!!
Wha— the Fiend is that way! We should escape through this hole!
Cave-in
Start
Back the way we came!

Who do you think
opened that giant hole without using gunpowder ?!

To think that such a plain plan would fool you.
Eh, the old soldier should have just croaked.
Hee hee...
Not good...
Hurry! We have to turn back!

We at least have to try, don't we?

Huh?! But—
Saki, tell me the plan you talked about earlier!

I already know.

that it's an empty future.

Even so, if there remains any chance at all ...

That's fine! Tell me!
If we succeed, we won't have to kill that child
To be honest, though, whether it will work—

Sis!!
Being downwind, if we do, we die too!
We can't use the Psycho Buster!

You can bet on it !!
Sis!, let's get home alive, yeah?

FSHHHH

Ky
Kya
kya
kya
!!

Kya kya kya !!

My plan is that...
Okay, listen!

If anything
I don't have any special feelings for him!
When we were young
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TRAP

Hanging out with my childhood friend, whom I couldn't beat at anything, was the best.
Of course,
I liked Shun.
of Saki's feelings towards Shun.
I was dimly aware

We will strip its clothing. the smell will be useful for our trap.
Now our enemies number four, Squealer and the Fiend included.
We've killed another !
you don't get anyone to asking at all...
A bond like that comes with things
And that is precisely why I do not see ...
You have such faith that she will return with the Psycho Buster.
Let's rest a bit and set up some more before Saki gets here.
What do you think? Can we pull it off?
Sa-toru !
...
What is it that you cannot ask her?

Using rocks or guns is the same if you have to take your own murderous intent.
Thanks to the shame-death code we can only kill the Fiend via the Psycho Buster. I tried causing the ceiling to collapse on the Fiend, to no avail. My magick won't activate.
Yeah! It's a great plan!
but now that we're downwind, we can't use it.
The Psycho Buster is different because all you do is throw it against the ground.
We need to prepare like now and try it out at the next stretch!
It's quick!
TRUP TRUP
Let's try!
If your hypothesis is correct, we might even turn the Fiend back into a human!

No, I'm staying!
I can handle this. Saki, please run away.

Satoru.
I'm saying this just in case.

Like ...
go down with the kid ...
Don't do anything stupid... okay?

Don't worry.
TUP TUP

What?
I thought maybe that child simply doesn't know.

It must have been taken from Maria right after birth...
DAAA

DASH
Kyak
Kya!
But!
We don't know how or why it became a Fiend.
That's why we're going to teach the child!
!!

That you're human!

Morph Rats don't make use of mirrors.
so it's possible that the Fiend believes itself to be a Morph Rat.
Ah— Ice...
That revelation has to bring about some sort of change
What if it realized that it looks just like the humans it's been killing all this time?!
Please!

!!
Kyyye kyeee!! Pi gya pi gya kipi kigya gya!
Gya! Ki pya- gigya!
Damn, it failed! Run!
No! Quick! Quick!!
Wait... just a sec!
Nkk ...
Saki! Give up! Go, now!
Gi gya- aaa !
G i i i i i !

PACK

Sa-
toru
!
Over
as time
passed and
my feelings
for her
turned from
camaraderie
to romance,
Because
I knew
how she'd
felt about
him...
to my
feelings
the
more she
answered
with her
own,

the worse the dull pain in me grew.

I love Saki !!
If only my rival wasn't Shun,
it wouldn't hurt this much
—
drip

Run, Saki!
Uh...
I'm fine! Go! Now!
Gya!
It'll see us on this stretch!
It's no good! We're too close!
Leave it to me.
What are you saying?!
You're not—

Paise ehbe-
oppe!
Take care
!!
of
your-
self!
Bibip...
Avoid
impact.
にょ

ビッ
ピッ
ドン
Bi bi bip
awoooo
ガヨ
Anti personnel gear
ロ

Now! Run, run!
Ruuu uuun !!

It's all right! Don't look back!
We're going to make a break for the exit!
Satoru, I've decided
Huh?
I can tell... this is it
Her eyes only see me!
Once all this is over, let's get married and have kids.
I want to create a future with you.

Shun
That's why, it's been so painful.
to whom I wasn't even able to say goodbye, weighed on me too.
Sari isn't alone in it, Shun ...
Ah... I see.

Trust me,
I'll make her happy!

live in a happy future!
Hauh haa...
Saki !
I can secure the future at the cost of my life. This is our only chance!
Ou- ou-

You shit-faced brat, I'm packing you off to your parents!

BLAZE

...
AAGH
Gi gya aaa !!
Saki
HAA HAAH
Wh—

Why would you... do that?! Vuh- Vhyy
must you leave me behind ?!
I don't... Why...
Damn it... All of you.
Don't leave me all alo-o-o-ne !!

WAAAAH!
Saki... sorry, I'm sorry.
Ge-ghs... ssh...
Saki, my bad. Sorry...I'm sorry...
A-ah...

I... I...
The Psy-cho Buster ...
What have I...
AAH

No. Saki, it's my fault. Saki... Saki...
I'm so sorry. So...
Forgive me... Forgive me...
Saki... I...
Aaaa! What have I done?! Aah...

It's okay.

I'm never ever letting you feel alone again.
POOR

NRAAAAAHH!
!!
Hurry !

Kiro-maru
Gosa! Run faster!

I can track the Fiend's location based on smell because we are downwind !
It may be the same, but the Fiend is at a snail's pace! We can easily outrun it!

I do not know! For now, please focus on putting some distance between us and the Fiend!
Where are we ——

Save your regrets for after we've survived!
I'm so sorry. I...I...

what? we're

Got it.
Please open the entrance with your magick! Let us exit this tunnel!

Something feels off here...
Here! Onward we go!
...
!!
The rain...has stopped?
Huff Huff
Get down, it's an ambush!!
SCH

!!

They are dead ends, but we can evade the Fiend!
Fall back! We retreat to one of the side paths!

We're under fire! Squealer was waiting for us!

I'm sorry... It's all over because of me.
Forgive me.

The Fiend is human, so it cannot locate us based on smell.

Pant
The Fiend is thirty yards away.

I'm sorry... How am I ever going to apologize to everyone?
It's not your fault, Saki. If I'd given a little more thought to how you felt—
Flurr
But, but, it was for that one chance that everyone... And I...
Just... twenty yards left.
A plan... Any...
Everybody... I'm so sorry.
I've failed you... Please forgive me!
I'll apologize with you. We're in this together, whether or not we'll be forgiven.

It's a saying of ours—search for a means for reversal until your heart stops beating.
It is a soldier's part, ray...
You can whine to the maggots in your grave!
You two give up far too readily.
the part of any organism to keep fighting so long as it lives!

?!
Saki, haven't you noticed?
But...
...

This voice... Squeaker ?!
Let us talk !
What do you mean ?!
Think carefully. I know you can figure it out.
This voice ... Stun ?!
If you surrender now, I will spare your lives!
Humans and Morph Rats can rebuild a mutually beneficial relationship through dialogue!
What do you say we quit this zero-sum slaughter ?
That can't be, it's impossible !
Crap, we're being taken for fools.
Damn two-face, he wants to narrow down our hiding place.
Please, answer to my voice!
I will also grant the Giant Hornet colony independence!

That night now...
The Flame...
we have the advantage?!
Here it comes...!

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UPSHOT
TLP
TLP
Just a few yards left.
Shun, what do you mean we have the advantage?!
Heh heh, what a set-up.
To wit, to...

Kiro-
maru,
can be
your
trump
card.

Shhh! It's close!
Wha?! I don't—
Shun ?!
Shun ??
that child isn't a Fiend. Go from there.
you have an inkling already, don't you?
トッ
トッ
トッ
トッ
トッ
トッ

Really? Fantastic! Let's hurry towards the opposite exit!
The Fiend is walking past. Seems like it will exit without finding us..

!!
Wait!
Yes !

Are we sure the Fiend didn't notice us?
Huh? Obviously, if it had we would have been killed.
Let's go!
We were blind to the truth. We've had so many perfect chances!
But... as tough as things have gotten, we could flip this...
The child isn't a Fiend.
And if it's not a Fiend...
There is one and only one way for us to kill the Fiend!
?!
God, what are you—
?

What were you looking for in Tokyo the time that you lost over half of your troops?
Before I speak, I need to know I can trust you.
Tell me.
Wh-Which is?!

If we had located nuclear weapons or radioactive materials, we may have.
But I want you to understand that we and Squealer are different.
Was the Giant Hornet colony planning to revolt against us as Squealer did?
I will be honest. I was searching for a weapon of the Past Civilization to utilize against the humans.

It was purely a push for the survival of our colony!
It was not to fulfill an ambition! As long as the threat of being exterminated at the gods' whims existed, we needed some countermeasure.

I must make my choice too.
The same as Lady Tomiko, who disposed of children for the town.
Right, and now
...
To survive ...
Fine, I trust you.
Seki ?
Satoru, if it's a Fiend, why won't it attack Squealer too?
So it isn't one? How can you be certain?
We made a big misteke when we mistook that child for a Fiend!
It should be impossible to tame a Fiend.
Nice! Well ...

Huh ?
I don't think they've been negated ...
If it is not a Fiend, why have its aversion to intraspecies violence and the shame-death code, which should activate whenever it kills its own kind, been negated?

I do, but what does ...
Based on its reaction to the mirror, do you agree that the child believes itself to be a Morph Rat?

You mean to say ...

!!
DUN
DUNN
There's no mistake.
but to Morph Rats !!
the Fiend's aversion applies not to humans,

What an oversight! I should have noticed sooner!!

And it slowed its footsteps earlier to watch out for me...
...
Wait a sec. That means, just now—

Is that it could not kill Mariah Reiki
Then the reason why the Fiend merely robbed us of our arms during our battle and let its comrades kill the enemy

Shit!
Victory was right in our hands! If only we'd realized sooner!!

Yes,
if Kiromaru had attacked the Fiend, we could have killed it.

It's not too late.
But we figured it out before dying in vain!

For the sake of humanity's survival! Just as Lady Tomiko did, I must decide to sacrifice a child
Still, I must kill the child
and to...
It bears no sin.
Killing humans would make fools of its brethren. It must have been burning with righteous rage.
The child wasn't a fiend.

dear buddy!!
lose a

For it to work, we'll have to determine the positions of our enemies.
Yes.
You said that there is a way to kill the Fiend.

There are two Morph Rats lying in wait. The kid is about fifteen feet behind them.
If I read the attack, they counter with guns, and if you two go they respond with magick. A sound formation.
Both of you. I have a painful request to make.
My plan
On top of that, they are downwind. They can use smell to pinpoint our locations.
calls on you to sacrifice yourself.

...
...
...
Now, as I explained.
Yeah.
Let's begin.
...
Yeah.
Yes.
On the count of ten.

Ten... Nine...
Eight ...
Ha ha ha ha! How splendid!
To think that such an easy method remained to us!
Kiro-maru ...
But ...
Your plan demands a casualty. Can you, kind Mistress Saki, go through with it?
I hereby swear.
No matter who dies, I'm not going to hesitate this time!
Saki ...

Master Satoru, please give in. Or would you rather waste the lives of the fallen and die a dog's death?
I know I'm not the one who should be objecting, but I don't want this!
No! Come on! Sacrifice... just isn't right.
Were you lying when you claimed to entrust the future to Mistress Saki?!
This is the best way!
But... but!

Kiromaru! You're the one who has to die!!

Six... Five...
Four ...

One!
Two!
Three!

!!
RAAAH!
Go to hell !!
?!
Gi ?!
Gi-gya pya !

ガシッ
GRAB
DWOOP
Squeaker hasn't figured out our aim!
So far, just as we planned!

GYAAAAA!!

AAA
AAA
!!

...
...

バサッ
SHIN

Kyaa!!
Satori

Thank you for your concern.
If I may, I have a favor to ask of the two of you as well.
Anything! Just name it!
Once this is over, I suggest the obvious course of action will be to exterminate all Morph Rats.
Yet I implore you to spare, if none else, the Queen of the Giant Hornets— our colony's everything
and hope... Please, save my mother.
Okay, I promise!
I do too.
No matter what it takes, we'll rescue your Queen
and revive your colony!!

Mm... Now I can depart free of regrets.

Heh heh. Knowing that we're about to take that glib bastard's twisted emotion

and make mincemeat out of it,
Ga... Hh...

I'm so elated— I can hardly wait.

Kyoko-san!!
Bang

Hyu... huk
Guh...
Gah... Hgya AAH!
AGHAAAAA
You really thought you were a Morph Rat...
The shame- death code!

AAA
a...
ah...

Hayu...
ko.

you probably would've
If you had been born in town like everyone else.

grown up to be a smart and lovely boy...

Mr. Messiah
My Savior
I mean, how odd...
I've lost loved ones one after another to get here, clinging over countless corpses, and yet...
and begin for real the long, long fight to change the future.
Let's go back to town, and this war.
Why...

wish
to
keep
on
living.
and
yet
I

...
Huh?
please lend us your strength.
Mr. Torigai.

Inui, huh?
Please, I beg of you.
Mr. Inui's final words bid us to join forces with able people like you
to create the future.
Sho.
you, who are alive, can shape the future to your liking
Even a future where you can face Haruka with pride...
...
I have the resolve to live for its sake.
Once you have an idea of how that future should look, let's talk.

!!
That's insane! If the Fiend finds us, we're done for!
We should at least rescue the infants and hostages.
Our guerilla warfare is thinning the enemy's ranks, but we're running out of people who can fight!

Wha aat ?!
We've defeated the Fiend! We also have the mastermind Squealer in captivity.
Wait! We're human!
Who are you?

We're going to assemble a Council for the Restoration of Order and reclaim Kamisu 66 Acreage!
Huh?
Is your leader here?
Way to go to survive! It's all right now!
Huuh... huff
We must prompt everyone who's holding out to join us.
Send out more signals!
Step on your toes!
Yeaah?
Great! Back-up!
I greatly appreciate it! I'm the leader, Saki Watarase.
Likewise, elite forces hailing from Kazumi 95 Acreage from the Chubu region.
We're a Rescue Unit from the Hokuriku region's Taihai 46 Acreage, here in response to your request for aid.

Are you really the town's chief, ma'am?
So young...
ゴゴゴゴ

Ah... Susumu Torigai. Long time no see.
Hah hah hah! I see! My sincerest apologies!

Yes, she is our town's chief.
A truly talented woman whom Lady Tomiko Asahina saw fit to tap.

Was your goal to marshal a town in disarray and to become a war hero?
I need no thanks.
Mr. Torigai...

Will do!

Lady Tomiko would have been far more adept. Get it together!

Satoru...
Pursuing the Rats further than necessary is strictly forgiveden! Our first priority is to recover the injured!
Yes!

Gather the bodies in one location!
We have captured the town's center! The Mongo Rats have started to retreat!

Sure thing!

Can I stay by your side and watch?

Madam Chief, your orders !
The entire Morph Rat army is advancing to make a last stand!

Report: We have rescued the infants and hostages !

Go, anni-hilate them !!
ROARRR
RAAA-AAGH !!

Good job.
We've finished securing the Queen of the Giant Hornet colony.
...
And... it seems that none of my family made it.
Yes...
It's finally over...

ONE WEEK LATER

Squealer, do you remember us?

What?! That child died because you'd hatched a nefarious scheme and raised it to be a killing machine!
You...are the ones who killed our Messiah and captured me in Tokyo.

After this, you will be put on trial. But first,

there is something I must ask you.

FINAL CHAPTER
A BONFIRE FLAMES IN THE DARK
TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THAT DAY.

TWO YEARS AFTER THAT DAY, I MARRIED SATORU.
I'VE PUT TOGETHER THIS RECORD, TO BE RELEASED ONE THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW.
SO THAT HUMAN FOLLY DOESN'T CAUSE SUCH A CALAMITY TO OCCUR IN THE FAR FUTURE.

AND TWO YEARS LATER,
A BOY!
COUGH
THREE YEARS AFTER OUR WEDDING, I WAS CHOSEN TO FILL LADY TOMOE'S FORMER POST AS THE TOWN'S HIGHEST AUTHORITY.

AN EXPEDITION SET OUT FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT, THE SITE OF THE FIERCEST CLASH BETWEEN PK USERS AND THE PAST CIVILIZATION.
HEADED BY CAPTAIN SHO NINI AND VICE-CAPTAIN SUSUMU TORIGAI, ITS PURPOSE WAS TO ERADICATE
STUDIES ON PK, SPECIFICALLY RESEARCH RELATED TO FIENDS AND KAZIMA DEMONS.

SATORU DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF A PK CIVILIZATION THAT HAD INHERITED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
JUST LAST YEAR.
THEY ARE TO RETURN THIS YEAR.
JUST AFTER I BECAME CHAIR-WOMAN ...
WE HAVE REASON TO HURRY. A FACT THAT WE LEARNED!
I SEEK TO STRENGTHEN THE WEBS OF CONTACT AND COOPERATION AMONG THE NINE TOWNS DOTTING JAPAN.
WHAT SATORU FURTHER ILLUMINATED ...
WE ARE, ONCE AGAIN, THREATENED BY FIENDS AND KARMA DEMONS!

GIVES US NO CHOICE BUT TO FORGE AHEAD, SPURRED ON BY THE TRUTH.

I'm wondering if magick isn't in fact the devil's power and a detriment to humanity...

Saki, what's on your mind?

Do you really think we can change?

I don't think so.
True, we've been thrown around by a force beyond our handling for the past thousand years.
but I believe that the day will come when we can coexist with this power of ours.

We can... We must.

I'd like to believe society will have become a better place by the time this child matures.

Okay.
What's with the ruckus? I'll go take a look.
Hmm ?

It is imagination that will change everything

there is something I must ask you.
After this, you will be put on trial. But first,

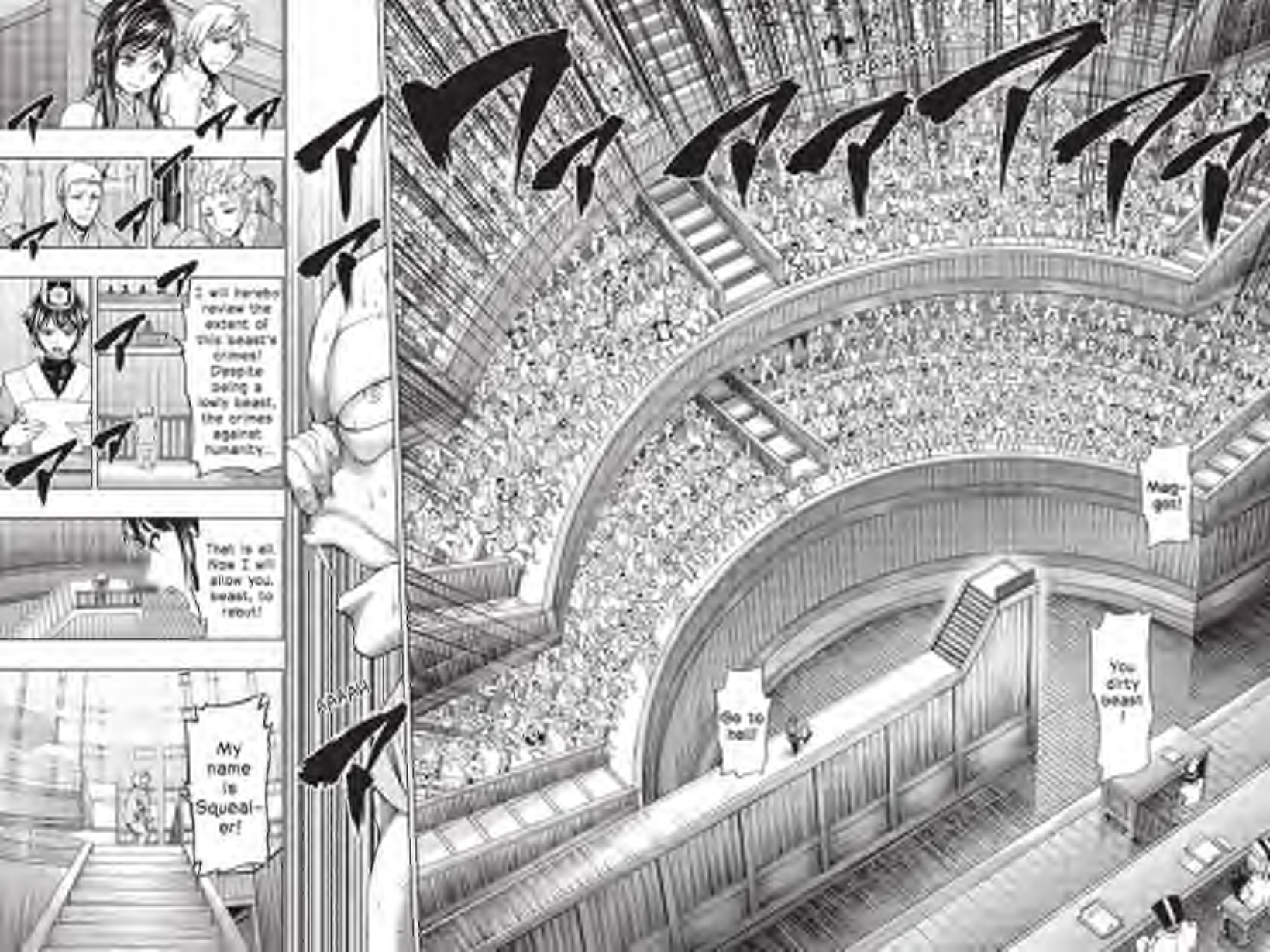
How do you justify that?
But deposing your Queen, your own mother, into mere cattle
...
We were told by Kromaru that you Morph Rats wanted to escape human rule even if it meant slaughtering us.

We fought for all of our oppressed brethren!
Heh... He was a fool. Reform cannot occur with a Queen in place.
We did not revolt to take her throne for power!

because I failed to see through such a simple trick...
We could have altered the course of history. To think that my grand vision of liberating my brethren crumbled
Happening upon the power that was Maria and Mamoru's child, you were consumed by ugly greed and allowed your own comrades to die...
Alter the course of history, my ass!
Wait, just one more thing...
This is pointless. Let's go.
You are the worst leader!
Squealer, repent from the bottom of your heart for all of the people you have killed.
...Why not.

every one of my brethren that you slew.
But on the condition that you likewise repent for

Everybody is waiting for you to be judged.
We've prepared a court for you.
Be glad, maggot.


I will hereby review the extent of this beast's crimes! Despite being a lowly beast, the crimes against humanity...
That is all. Now I will allow you, beast, to retort!
My name is Squealer!
AAAAH
Marg-ot!
You dirty beast!
Go to hell!

I am neither an animal
nor your slave !

D_

What are you if not an animal?!
ドアアア
CLANG!!
You're dead! You're dead!
Know your place !
Don't mess with us, you beast!

We are human.

HAH
HAH
HAH
HAA!
AH
HA
HA
HA
Laugh all you want! Evil will not flourish forever! Even if I die, one day,
some soul will follow in my footsteps.
That will mark the end of your tyranny!

I demand that this lowlife be sentenced to Infinite Hell!

The sentence would be exacted at the soon-to-be War Memorial Museum! Anybody can visit at any time and inflict suffering upon the beast!
The punishment involves sending maximal pain signals to the brain from every nerve cell in the body, while healing magicks forbid escape through death!

Yes, perfect!
NICE!
Infinite! Hell!

Who is the devil here?
Can we truly change it?
Infinite! Hell! Infinite! Hell!

Infinite! Hell!
Infinite! Hell! Infinite! Hell!

Siddharma Farm
Genetics Research Ward
SIGH
WHEN HEARD LATER...

Saki, aren't you going in?
Well, Satoru told me to come in once we were all here.
It's been seven years.

What could Satoru want on the morn of our departure?
He hasn't told me either.

Good morning to you too, Mr. Torigai.
My, you've grown, Sis.

Well? Are you nervous, Captain Shot?
Not at all. Morale is high throughout my crew.
Heheh, listen to yourself.
She would be so proud if she could see you now.
You think...?
Shut up, ya geezer!
You don't say?
There is this one girl on the expedition who won't let up...
Nope, nothing of the sort. You sound like an old lady.
But now that you've become such a dashing young man, I bet the girls won't leave you be.

Welcome. Sorry for summoning you on the morning of your departure.
But I figured it was today or never.
No problem, but what... Ha!?
These... are naked mole rats, right? The ancestors of the Morph Rats.
That's right. What do you think of these creatures?

You need to run, so let me cut to the chase.
I can't fathom why humanity used magick once upon a time to evolve them and endow them with a heightened intellect.
Uhm, I find them ugly, I guess?

Naked mole rats were optimal because they live in colonies and have a queen, making them easy to manage.
and are also ugly, a safeguard against sentiment.
The Morph Rats were created a few hundred years ago by a group of PK users who retained and passed down science and technology.

We've been dancing to their tune this whole time.
That was the crux of their intent.

And just as they intended, we reigned, and killed each other.
Taking their cue from a lost slave dynasty where a small number of PK users rules over the PK-less masses, they created Morph Rats.

What is this all...
Satoru?

Morph Rats...
But not anymore. It's become clear through research...

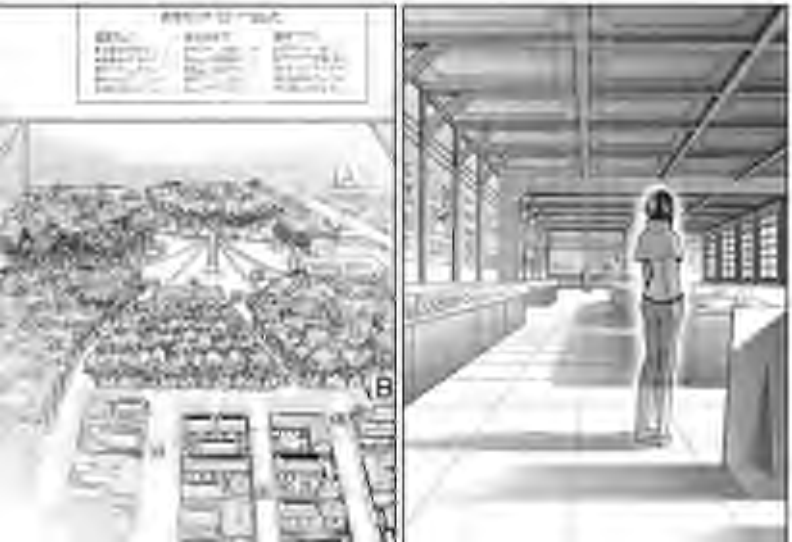
But that way is the— oh...
Let's go, Captain.

Saki, won't you come see us off?
Huh?

I have something else I need to do.
I'm sorry.

戦争記念館
War Memorial Museum
Really? You mean it?
I do. If you hurry, you'll probably make it in time for the captain's speech.
Thank you so much, the North American expedition is our great hope.

Not being able to attend thanks to this ball of flesh
Ahh. Sharing can't must



It's been a while, Squeaker.
The Great Battle of Tokyo

I know, it's too soon. I'll speak as planned.
Captain about earlier—

No doubt that they will, once again, achieve fantastic results!
The captain and vice-captain are two of the heroes who put an end to the war seven years ago!
I believe that this expedition will bring back historic findings! How could I not?

I would like to use this opportunity
I am Sho Nimi, the North American Expedition Captain.

Mm ?!
Kuso?
to unveil truths that this town is hiding from its people.
According to some statistics, children born into unstable social conditions such as ours
Seven years ago, we were all exposed to incidents that fostered atypical levels of stress.

The cause, which is still within the realm of conjecture, may be the trace amounts of magick leaking from us
Wh-What did he say?!
getting warped due to excess stress and psycho-logical trauma.
Huh?!
Wha?!
are far more likely to become Fiends and Karma Demons.

compromising the aggression inhibitor and shame-death code. In the worst case, in five years,
affecting genes, and

we will perish, this time for sure.
when children born after the incidents come into magick,

W-We'll be fine! Calm down, all of you!
No way...
Holy... Is that true?
Th-That's right! Haha...
All we have to do is keep more Dupe Cats!
I mean, we've always just... disposed of such children, haven't we?
Ahaha
Hahaha
Haha
Ha ha ha ha. Of course! If they appear to be turning into Fiends or Karma Demons,
all we need to do is get rid of them!

Neither I nor Vice-Captain Torigai is a hero!
The only heroes of that war are those two, Kiromaru and...
someone who, no matter what danger befell her,
fought on for the future, for hope
SHAME ON YOU
ROAR

a young girl.

No!
We are at a fork between the past and the future, and all of us alive today
Are we the only ones on the front lines?

A front line for our species!
No doubt, the war was a fork in our path —
The North American expedition's search for a treatment for Fiends and Karma Demons is no different! However!

stand on the front lines of humanity!

What about you people?
This time, I fully intend to be one!

any of us can become a hero!
If we fight for the future, for hope,

It's been years. I've become the town's top authority, and yet I grow less certain by the day.
Squealer.

Or you, Squealer, who stood up to try and change it?
Which of you two was the true hero? Kinomaru, who fulfilled his mission to defend the status quo.

No, if anything,
I've come to believe that you were both justified.

If you recognize the need for change,

you have to stand up for change!

PSH

Even if the road is slick with the blood of even more of your buddies!
CLAP
AAAAAA!

We will become heroes by protecting our children's our town's future!
Captain! I feel the same way!

To Fight !
That is the path we choose
GAAAAAA
even if the road ends
where yours did.

It's time to end this.
You've suffered long enough.

Did you... know the truth?

The Morgh Rats

Right, though many of the naked mole rat's characteristics were genetically incorporated into the Morph Rate.
It means that another species was used as the base.
Another? Like?
Wait, does that mean that the Morph Rats aren't descended from naked mole rats?
have 28 pairs of chromosomes including their sex chromosomes.
when their supposed ancestors, the naked mole rats, possess thirty.

"We are human"? I've wondered about that too.
I'd puzzled over Squealer's proclamation at the trial
given that he despised humanity

So... what's your point?

The only mammals with 23 pairs of chromo-somes
are human beings ...

A-Are you saying that Morph Rats were once human?!
Every conceivable experiment that I performed to refute it only confirmed that they were once human.
Furthermore, without a doubt it was humans who didn't awaken to PK that were genetically engineered to evolve into Morph Rats.
So all of that was

humans
killing
each
other
?!

Demoting them to an ugly species permitted PK users to get around the shame-death code.
Slavery would become unviable.
Thus, Morph Rats.

The aversion to intraspecies violence and the shame-death code were created to prevent PK users from killing one another, but it also meant being unable to kill non-users.
But why ...

Shouldn't the shame-death code activate now? We've killed so many humans.
How sinful... But doesn't learning the truth mean that we'll be unable to kill Morph Rats?

Our minds do not recognize them as human.

I do believe the Morph Rats are a separate species with their own culture and values.
I may be a scientist, but going on my experience fighting alongside Kiromaru,

I'm counting on the efforts of the Morph Rat unit.
C-Of course!
Yeru-maru!

To be of even greater use to you than my companion Kiromaru! To contribute what I may so as to serve as a cornerstone of your prosperity!
And to repay your mercy in not destroying our Giant Hornet colony!
I shall serve 'til my bones are glowing to dust!
Not what I meant.
Oh? Did... I get... something... wrong?

I am counting on you as a comrade in arms!

There will be change ... I swear.
Infinite Hell Execution Site

Hey!
Saki!

Sa-
toru
?
Sho and his expedition have returned! And...
Just get over here!
Uh... Okay!

YOU KNOW THE ANSWER AS TO WHETHER WE EVER MANAGED TO CHANGE.
IF YOU ARE READING THIS CHRONICLE A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW,

YEAR 245, DECEMBER 1ST, SAKI WATANABE
A LETTER DATING BACK A THOUSAND YEARS.
MAY THAT ANSWER
BE
YES.

to
you

# FROM THE NEW WORLD

FROM THE NEW WORLD – FIN

## Regarding the *From the New World* Manga

Mr. Oikawa, thank you for your hard work. Adapting a novel into manga format is harder than readers tend to imagine. The written word and pictures impact the reader in different ways, and you can't pass over certain things that can be omitted in a novel.

On top of that, because the anime was released beforehand, you had to make sure not to bow too close or to deviate too far, and that must have been quite a hurdle.

I believe, however, that this work magnificently accomplishes the complicated task. You've created a world of your own while remaining faithful to the themes and storyline of the original.

Your Saki exudes a cheerful brightness seen in neither the original nor the anime. The character into whom I invested the most emotion, Squealer, and his desperate struggle despite the deep darkness within him, are sure to forever remain in the hearts of readers.

I suspect that, while working on this manga, you glimpsed a misshapen world a millenium hence, as I did, and as I wish for the reader to do.

This tale has reached its conclusion, but I hope to see you again, Mr. Oikawa.

Readers, please look out for his next work!

Sincerely,
Yusuke Kishi

Ooh!
Earthside TV
Oh.

KAPUT!
YUREIKO!
HEAVEN ARC
PART II
WHOA!!

Amazing! Saki defeated Squeaker? To think that she even beat that kid...
...
Maria.
...Now?
RIIING
Yuuki?

Oops... I beg your pardon, Maria. I'm sorry... about that kid...
...
No need to apologize.
Sure, that child is mine, but...

I didn't have any part in raising him, so I feel no affection.
In fact, the kid ought to have died before going on a rampage.
Uh— Um,
CLIK
Maria
...
this is hard to break considering the mood.
but...

it looks like we're rooming together.
?!

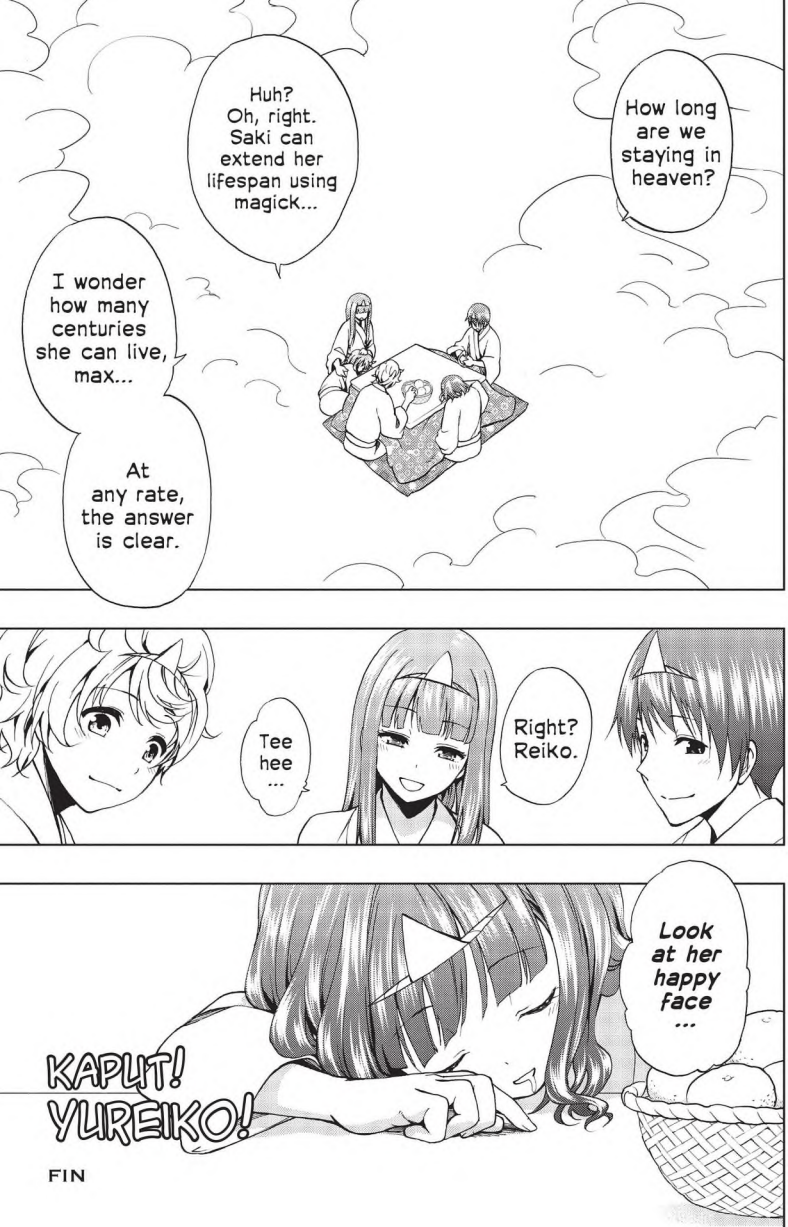
GLANCE
キョロ
スッ
?
?
?
N-Nice to meet you!
I'm your daddy!
スッ

Ah... hey, I-I'm...
your daddy~
?!
Gii!
パーン
D-Dad!!

Tsk.
Ma-moru!
SNIFF SNIFF
STARE
Uu...
Maa?
Get this brat off—
LOCK
Heheh, Maria is...
...
...

such a tsundere.

Ah...
QUIVER
Aah...


How long are we staying in heaven?
Huh? Oh, right. Saki can extend her lifespan using magick...
I wonder how many centuries she can live, max...
At any rate, the answer is clear.
Right? Reiko.
Tee hee ...
Look at her happy face ...
KAPUT! YUREIKO!
FIN

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